Agreement **with** Japan for manufacturing signalling equipment

*333. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technical collaboration agreement has recently been signed withi Japan for manufacturing signalling equipment in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRl J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) An agree ment has been reached between Instru mentation Ltd., Kota and M|s. Kyosan Electric Mfg. Company of Japan for manu facture of Railway Signalling Equipment. The agreement envisages transfer of tech nical know-how for manufacture of Rail way Signalling Equipment as well a s
Systems.

Capacity utilisation of power projects

*334. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAL Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been shortage in the capacity utilisation in power projects during the current year as compared to the years 1985 and 1986; and

(b) if so. what are the relevant figures showing the percentage of capacity utilisation of power projects during these years and what steps have been taken by Government to increase the capacity utilisation of (he power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (3HRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The all-India Plant Load Factor of thermal stations during 1985-86 and 1986-87 was 52.4 per cent land 53.2 per cent respectively. In the current year, during April to October, the PLF was 53.8 per cent. The measures taken to improve the performance of thermal stations include assistance to State Electricity Boards for un- I dertaking plant betterment programmes, procurement of requisite qu'antity and quality of coal training of operation and maintenance personnel and early stabi lisation of newly commissioned units. A Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation programme is also under implementation. The utilisation of hydel capacity mainly depends on the reservoir levels.

Recommendations of high power pay committee on public sector employees

*335. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: SHRI GAYA CHAND BHU-YAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 243 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th M'ay. 1987 and state.- whether Government have since considered the recommendations of the High Power **Pay** Committee on pay revision of public sector employees; and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI I. VENGAL RAO). The High Power Pay Committee has not yet submitted its report. Its tenure has been extended under directions of Supreme Court till end of June, 1988.

Collaboration between Kothari Foods and General Foods of USA

*336. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a policy decision not to allow use of foreign trade marks for trade within the country;

(b) whether it is als$_D$ a fact that Kothari General Foods has come out with a product called 'Tang';

(c) whether this is •a foreign trade mark, Or a Hybrid trade mark or an Indian trade mark; and

(d) if it is a foreign trade mark, what action is proposed *to* be taken by Government in the matter and by when?